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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

EO: 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: PRELIMINARY OUTLINE OF FORTHCOMING
AHG REPORT TO NAC

1. AT AHG ON JAN. 23, BELGIAN REP (ADRIAENSSEN) SUBMITTED AN OUT-
LINE OF PRESENTATION HE PLANS TO MAKE AT JAN 25 NAC, DESCRIBING
AND EVALUATING DEVELOPMENTS IN VIENNA SINCE BEGINNING OF NEW NE-
GOTIATING SESSION. THE FOLLOWING INFORMAL DELEGATION TRANSLATION
OF FRENCH ORIGINAL INCORPORATES THOSE CHANGES MADE IN OUTLINE BY
AHG FOR WHICH SPECIFIC WORDING WAS PROVIDED. OTHER ALTERATIONS
WERE PROPOSED IN MORE GENERAL TERMS AND ARE DESCRIBED IN ACCOUNT
OF AHG DISCUSSIONS (SEPTTEL).

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2. BEGIN TEXT.

1. CHRONOLOGY

THE AHG RESUMES ON JANUARY 9
KHLESTOV'S PRESS INTERVIEW TO NOVOSI
QUARLES' PRESS CONFERENCE ON JANUARY 14
CZECH REP KLEIN'S PRESS CONFERENCE ON JANUARY 17
PLENARY SESSION JANUARY 17: CANADA, USSR
PLENARY SESSION JANUARY 22: POLAND
PLENARY SESSION JANUARY 24: USA AND GDR

2. DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PLENARIES

-- CANADA: PRESENTATION OF THE SPECIFIC FEATURES OF THE WEST-ERN PROPOSAL (GROUND FORCES, COMMON CEILING, STABILIZING MEAS-URES, FLANK SECURITY, VERIFICATION AND NON-CIRCUMVENTION).
-- USSR: SHORT DECLARATION UNDERLINING THE NECESSITY OF COOP-ERATION IN A CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT, ARGUING FOR THE EASTERN PROPO-SAL AND REJECTING THE WESTERN PROPOSAL "IN ITS PRESENT FORM" AS CONTRARY TO THE PRINCIPLE OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY.
-- POLAND: REAFFIRMATION THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE AGREE-MENT COVER GROUND, AIR AND NUCLEAR FORCES OF ALL THE PARTICIPANTS.
-- (US & GDR: REPORTS WILL BE SUMMARIZED AS WELL).

3. AD HOC GROUP

(A) DISCUSSION OF THE PAPER ON FUTURE TACTICS: THE ALLIES WOULD ENDEAVOR TO EXAMINE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE THE SOVIET PREDISPO-SITION TO ENVISAGE A NEGOTIATION IN TWO PHASES BY PROPOSING A LIMITED PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE INITIATION OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE PROBLEMS POSED BY SOVIET-AMERICAN GROUND FORCES. THE PROBLEM IS TO LEAD THE USSR TO DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF THE FIRST PHASE IN DETAIL AND THUS TO ACCEPT THE WESTERN AP-PROACH AS THE BASIS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. BEGIN BRACKET. IN OR-DER TO LEAD THE SOVIETS TO ACCEPT THIS APPROACH, THE ALLIES WOULD INDICATE TO THEM, AT THE APPROPRIATE MOMENT, THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING IN THE FIRST PHASE A FORMULATION CONCERNING THE LINK BETWEEN THIS PHASE AND THE SUBSEQUENT PHASE. THE ALLIES WOULD SPECIFY, ON THAT OCCASION, THAT THE SECOND PHASE WOULD INCLUDE THE FORCES OF DIRECT PARTI-CIPANTS OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES. END BRACKET. COMMENT: BRACKETED SECTION WILL BE USED ONLY IF UK APPROVES TACTICS PAPER; OTHERWISE ADRIAENSSEN IS TO SAY TACTICS ARE STILL UNDER DISCUSSION.
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(B) SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS:
-- FIXING THE FIRST PLENARY FOR JANUARY 17.
-- INTENTION OF THE GROUP TO PROPOSE THAT THE FREQUENCY OF PLENARIES BE LIMITED TO ONE PER WEEK IN ORDER TO FACILITATE PER-SONAL CONTACTS.
-- INITIAL REJECTION OF THIS SUGGESTION BY THE EAST.
-- STATEMENTS BY KVITSINSKIY AND THE POLES: WE SHOULD NOT RE-DUCE THE FREQUENCY OF PLENARIES OR ENVISAGE OTHER FORMS SINCE IN-

FORMAL CONTACTS HAVE NOT SHOWN ANY PROGRESS.

(C) CREATION OF A MILITARY DATA SUB-GROUP:

-- THE FIRST MEETING OF 18 JANUARY. CHAIRMAN WAS GENERAL STEIFF. DISCUSSION OF CURRENT FIGURES.

4. BILATERAL CONTACTS

ESSENTIALLY UNDERTAKEN BY THE SOVIETS WHO HAVE BEGUN BY CONCENTRATING ON THE EUROPEAN PARTNERS. CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE AND DECLARED DESIRE TO FIND A COMMON POINT OF DEPARTURE. NO CONCESSIONS TO THE WESTERN POINT OF VIEW AND DEFENSE OF THE SOVIET PROPOSAL, BUT 3 OPENINGS:

(A) EVENTUAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE IDEA OF TWO PHASES.

(B) INTEREST IN THE COMMON CEILING (ON THE CONDITION THAT IT INCLUDE AIR FORCES).

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(C) INTEREST IN WAYS OF INCLUDING THE FRG AND OTHER DIRECT
EUROPEAN PARTICIPANTS IN THE SECOND PHASE.

5. EVALUATION

(A) A GOOD START

(B) WE MUST BE ALERT TO SOVIET MANEUVERS DESIGNED TO:

-- DEMAND, AS THE PRICE OF ACCEPTING OUR IDEA OF PHASES,
EXCESSIVE DETAILS ABOUT THE SECOND PHASE.

-- THAT THE SOVIET TACTIC WITH REGARD TO PLENARIES
DOES NOT RESULT IN THE CREATION OF AN IMPRESSION OF STAG-
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NATION IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND FOSTER ADVERSE PUBLICITY AMONG
OUR PUBLIC OPINION. HUMES

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